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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS ON COMMODITIES - COPPER

REF: GENEVA 5569

SUMMARY: CANADIANS AND LEGOUX HAVE PROTESTED SEPARATELY TO UNCTAD SYG COREA ABOUT UNCTAD'S CALLING OF A PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER FOR SEPTEMBER INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE SCHEDULE LAID OUT BY MARCH CONSULTATION, BUT COREA REFUSES TO CHANGE HIS POSITION. UNCTAD WILL ANNOUNCE AGENDA FOR PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY CALLED ON UNCTAD SYG COREA JULY 27 TO PROTEST HIS CALLING OF A PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER FOR SEPTEMBER AND NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THE SCHEDULE LAID OUT IN THE MARCH CONSULTATION. COREA REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENT THAT MEETING WOULD HAVE TO RECONCILE UNCTAD IV RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES AND AGREED CONCLUSIONS OF MARCH CONSULTATION AND IGNORED SUGGESTIONS THAT PREPARATORY

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MEETING SHOULD AWAIT OUTCOME OF MARCH CONSULTATIONS.

COREA MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WANTS TO SEE MEASURES
AGREED ON TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF COPPER BUT HE
SEES THE MARCH CONSULTATIONS LEADING ONLY TO A STUDY GROUP.

2. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT STAFF
MEMBER DEALING WITH COMMODITIES THAT UNCTAD WILL RELEASE
NOTE VERBALE ANNOUNCING SCHEDULE OF COMMODITIES
MEETINGS REPORTED IN REFTEL THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK AND
INVITATION TO THE SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 1 COPPER
MEETING ALONG WITH A PROVISIONAL AGENDA. MEETING WILL
BE ENTITLED "PREPARATORY MEETING ON COPPER" WHICH PUTS
IT CLEARLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF MEETINGS CALLED FOR IN
NAIROBI RESOLUTION. ONE AGENDA ITEM WILL BE ON
RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AND WILL CONCERN CON-
FLICTING MANDATES OF MARCH CONSULTATION AND NAIROBI
RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO STAFF MEMBER, AGENDA WILL
NOT BE STRICTLY IN LINE WITH NAIROBI RESOLUTION BUT WILL
CONTAIN "SPECIAL WORDING" TO REFLECT EXISTENCE OF
MARCH CONSULTATION.

3. LEGOUX (CHAIRMAN OF MARCH CONSULTATION) AND
GUERONIK (CIPEC) SAW COREA LAST WEEK AND AS LEGOUX HAS
REPORTED IN LETTER TO HEAD OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO
COPPER CONSULTATION, (TERADA), COREA DID NOT CHANGE HIS POSITION
ON THE NATURE OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. TEXT OF LETTER
REPEATED BELOW AS WE NOT SURE IF LEGOUX SENT COPY TO HEADS
OF OTHER DELEGATIONS.

4. IN THE FACE OF THE SECRETARIAT'S UNYIELDING INSISTENCE THAT
SEPTEMBER MEETING REMAIN IN NAIROBI RESOLUTION FRAMEWORK, IT
APPEARS TO US NEXT CHANCE TO GET MARCH CONSULTATIONS BACK ON
TRACK WILL BE AT SEPTEMBER MEETING. MISSION BELIEVES WE WILL
HAVE TO ENSURE THAT GROUP B IS UNITED AND WILL HAVE TO
GET SUPPORT FROM LDC PRODUCERS BEFORE MEETING IF WE ARE TO
BE SUCCESSFUL. OTHER GROUP B COLLEAGUES IN GENEVA WITH
WHOM WE SPOKE ALSO UNHAPPY ABOUT SITUATION, BUT HAVE
NO SOLUTIONS AT THIS TIME. SUGGEST WASHINGTON UNDERTAKE
NECESSARY COORDINATION WITH DELEGATIONS COMING FROM
CAPITALS.

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5. TEXT OF JULY 24 LETTER FROM LEGOUX TO TERADA:
QUOTE:

DEAR MR. TERADA

I PAID YESTERDAY, WITH GUERONIK OF CIPEC, A VISIT
TO GENEVA TO MM. COREA AND CHIDZERO IN ORDER TO DISCUSS
WITH THEM THE RESUMPTION OF THE COPPER CONSULTATION.

IT IS CONFIRMED THAT A COPPER MEETING IS TO BE CONVENED FROM SEPTEMBER 27TH TO OCTOBER 1ST, BUT IT WILL BE A "PREPARATORY MEETING" IN THE LINE OF THE NAIROBI RESOLUTION 93 (IV), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MARCH CONSULTATION. IT WILL NOT BE THE WORKING SUB-GROUP, NEITHER THE SECOND CONSULTATION, AS THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED SEEMED TO HAVE EXPRESSED THE WISH.

WITHOUT ANY REAL SUCCESS, WE TRIED TO ALLEVIATE THE WORDING OF THE DRAFT AGENDA TO MAKE IT AS NEUTRAL AS POSSIBLE. OUR SUGGESTION TO START FROM THE CONSULTATION, ADAPTING THEM TO THE NAIROBI CONSENSUS, RECEIVED NO ATTENTION; MR COREA WANTS TO AVOID ANY DISCUSSION ON OUR MARCH TALKS BEFORE ANY EXAMINATION OF THE FOLLOW-UP OF NAIROBI. WE NEVERTHELESS OBTAIN, WITHOUT COMMITMENT, SOME AMENDMENT OF THE DRAFT, WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANCIAL CHANGE. MR COREA STICKS TO THE TERMS OF RESOLUTION 93; HE REALIZES THAT TWO YEARS WILL ELAPSE UNTIL A COMMODITY AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED, BUT HE DOES NOT CARE IN ANY WAY OF THE INTERIM MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY A GROUP OF CONCERTATION.

LASTLY IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO NOTE THAT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE A PLENARY SESSION OF ALL UNCTAD MEMBERS, AND NOT A MEETING OF COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN COPPER, AS WAS THE PREVIOUS CONSULTATION.

I THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO CONVEY TO YOU ON A PERSONAL BASIS THESE INFORMATIONS.

YOURS SINCERELY

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